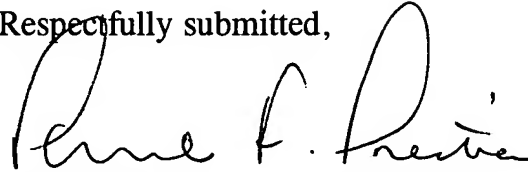


REMARKS

Entry of the above claims prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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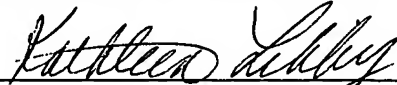
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Specification at page 1, line 1:

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Specification at page 6, line 9:

Turning now to FIGS. 7-9, an alternative embodiment of the present invention includes the wire body and suture connections described above. This alternative also includes a prosthetic graft 13 disposed inside the central opening of the wire body. The graft is a round, open tube made of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFF), dacron or any other suitable bicompatible material. One or more ~~hoop~~ loop members 12 connect the graft 13 to the wire body 11 as shown in FIG. 9. In place, the graft closes the diamond

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 10-28 have been added.

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